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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/811,493	Applicant(s) OOMMEN ET AL.	
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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
2. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I, first embodiment, according to **Figure 3-6**, drawn to a **D_S_H_E_{m, 2}** (*The Deterministic Embodiment Using Static Huffman Coding*) process to encode an input data sequence and to decode a data sequence encoded. The input to the process is a **Static Huffman Tree**, \mathcal{T} , a source sequence, \mathcal{X} , and an output sequence, \mathcal{Y} . Claims 1, and 27 appear to be grouped in Species I.

Species II, second embodiment, according to **Figure 9-12**, drawn to a **D_A_H_E_{m, 2}** (*The Deterministic Embodiment Using Adaptive Huffman Coding*) process to encode an input data sequence and to decode a data sequence encoded. The input to the process is an **initial Adaptive Huffman Tree**, \mathcal{T} , and a source sequence, \mathcal{X} and an output sequence, \mathcal{Y} with an assumption that there is a **hashing function** which locates a position of an input alphabet symbols as leaves in \mathcal{T} . Claims 2, 4 and 28 appear to be grouped in Species II.

Species III, third embodiment, according to **Figure 14-15 and 17-18**, drawn to an **RV_A_H_D_{m, 2} Randomized Fixed** (*The Randomized Embodiments Using Adaptive Huffman Coding*) process to encode an input data sequence and to decode a data sequence encoded. The input to the process is an **initial Huffman Tree, \mathcal{T}** , and a source sequence, \mathcal{X} and an output sequence, \mathcal{Y} with an assumption that there is a **hashing function** which locates a position of an input alphabet symbols as leaves in \mathcal{T} Claims 3, 5 and 29 appear to be grouped in Species III.

Species IV, fourth embodiment, according to **Figure 14-15 and 17-18**, drawn to an **RV_A_H_D_{m, 2} Randomized Variable** (*The Randomized Embodiments Using Adaptive Huffman Coding*) process to encode an input data sequence and to decode a data sequence encoded. The input to the process is an **initial Huffman Tree, \mathcal{T}** , and a source sequence, \mathcal{X} and an output sequence, \mathcal{Y} with an assumption that there is a **hashing function** which locates a position of an input alphabet symbols as leaves in \mathcal{T} Claims 37 and 39 appear to be grouped in Species IV.

The species are independent or distinct because each species require separate search independent one from the other.

3. Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

4. Applicants are advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

5. Applicants are advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicants traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

6. Applicants are reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Contact Information

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Techane J. Gergiso whose telephone number is (571) 272-3784 and fax number is **(571) 273-3784**. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am - 6:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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